

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 6, 2007, Applicants are submitting herewith a modified set of amended claims, in which claims 12 and 13 are labeled as "Withdrawn - Currently Amended", so as to address the issues noted by the Examiner in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, reconsideration of this application is believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Yoshifumi NAGAI et al.

By: Kenneth W. Fields
Kenneth W. Fields
Registration No. 52,430
Attorney for Applicants

KWF/jjv
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
August 30, 2007